

# **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee**

## **April 23, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

### **1. Call to order/Introduction of All Present**

- **Members:** Nick Paladino, Nancy Ellis, Lori Cherry, Stephen Lewis, Phil Decker, Catherine Wolzmut, David Moll, David Lighthall
- **Absent:** Joe Guagliardo
- **Staff:** Donn Beedle, Dept. of Planning and Development Scott Tyler, Traffic Engineering, Mary Gonzales, Public Works Administration
- **Visitors:** Ed Smith, Planning and Development, Fresno County Bicycle Coalition

### **2. Minutes of March 26, 2009 BPAC meeting**

Approved.

Draft minutes posted to the BMP website one week before the next meeting.

### **3. Fresno County Bicycle Coalition (FCBC) May is Bike Month activity report**

- David Lighthall gave a summary of Bike Month Schedule and activities.
- Lori Cherry: Gave a brief update on **Corporate Challenge**, Thursday, May 14.

#### **Other Bicycle Promotional Events**

David Moll discussed the April 22 Earth Day event at Fresno State.

Nancy Ellis discussed FCBC booth at FCC, April 23 "Go Green" event.

### **4. Bike Safety Media Project**

#### **Lori Cherry:**

For four years the Public Works Department has had a \$20,000 budget item for bike safety media projects. This year's media project targets bicycle safety for kids. The PSAs started airing mid-April.

- Fig Garden Elementary School Pilot Project:  
School is participating in May 14 Bike To Work Day; KMPH is doing a Bike Rally at School. Classes are challenging each other to ride their bikes to school. Winning class gets a pizza party.
- The first graders were filmed for the PSAs. Fire Chief's Foundation gave bike helmets to students. Police Department helped with video shoot. If all goes well, Bryan Jones and Lori Cherry are hoping to put together a bike promotion/education proposal for Fresno Unified School District.

### **5. Dismissal of Members Who Fail to Regularly Attend Meetings**

Nancy Ellis gave a brief BPAC member attendance history going as far back as 2002.

Members agreed that BPAC needs a way to identify and remove non-attending members and develop a procedure for appointing replacement members.

Catherine Wolzmut proposed a solution.

David Moll stated there needs to be a procedure for notifying the appointing authorities of the termination of a member, and the need for an appointment of a replacement member.

The committee asked Catherine to send members her draft concept via e-mail for their comments and suggestions. Catherine will then revise her concept incorporating these comments and suggestions and send a revised draft to the membership a week prior to the May meeting. A final procedure will be adopted at the May meeting.

### **6. General Discussion of Bicycle Master Plan (BMP)**

Each person in attendance discussed what he or she would like to see in the BMP:

#### **Phil Decker:**

- Standards for trails, including grade crossings.
- Establishing criteria for the routing of trails.
- Keeping cars out of bike lanes by visually differentiating bike lanes (paint).

#### **Nancy Ellis:**

- Encouragement: City govt/political embracement and promotion of bicycles as an alternative form of transportation.

#### **Steve Lewis:**

- Engineering: Connectivity of Bike facilities, traffic signal detectors loops, loop

**Catherine Wolzmuth:**

- NW Triangle: timely and thoughtful reevaluation. Don't implement stopgap measures to temporarily solve problems.
- Coordination of City Departments and global implementation in developments.

**Lori Cherry:**

- Standards for trails.
- Vision: Big bike features—consider our ideals, “If we could, we would...”
- City and County cooperation—address this in BMP.
- Safety and education.

**David Moll:**

- Enforcement.
- Globalness: Bike integration into alternative transportation system.

**David Lighthall:**

- Connectivity and Continuity: Same design standards throughout city.
- City must embrace principles.

**Nick Paladino:**

- **Engineering:** Concentrate on areas south of Shaw and west of Chestnut—serve the underserved populations and complete a network and fill gaps.
- Requirements for bike parking, shower and changing facilities.

**Mary Gonzales:**

- Education

**Donn Beedle:**

- Connectivity with other modes of transportation.
- Pitch and orient the BMP to people who are not bicyclists.
- Create a “collection area” with safe bike storage lockers for people who would like to ride to a location in order to then continue trip on Bus Rapid Transit.
- Goal of BMP should be to think of biking as part of a “system,” a seamless system from the your door step to point of destination.
- Land use and Planning: Integrate bikes into activity centers.
- BMP will not include 2010 census data. Make sure we plan ahead with Fehr and Peers to “provide open source,” the tools we will need to access that will enable us to enter new data.

**Scott Tyler:**

- Maintenance: ongoing street and bike lane maintenance to sweep goat heads and glass and maintenance of Loop detectors, etc.

**To Do List:**

BMP website: [www.fresnoBMP.com](http://www.fresnoBMP.com) BMP e-mail address is: [bmp@fresno.gov](mailto:bmp@fresno.gov)

Jeff: Will bring a draft of the goals, objectives and policies to the May BPAC meeting.

Catherine: Disseminate her draft proposal to members. Take member comments, revise proposal and disseminate revised draft to members.

Bryan: Will develop listserv.

Bryan: Make sure City of Fresno has “Open Source” from Fehr and Peers.

BPAC Members: Make Pet Projects list for May meeting.

Lori: Fig Garden School update.

Lori: Check Public Works budget for next year's media project ASAP!

FCBC: Bike Month Update

FUSD proposal for school LCI education and bicycling encouragement

**Next scheduled meeting will be May 28, 2009, at 5:30 in Room 4017N**

*“Make this bike system be something so seamless, pleasurable and easy that people using it wonder, ‘Why wouldn't people use this system?’”*      Donn Beedle